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**INDIANA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION INCREASES  
BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE**

Tuition increases at Indiana public colleges and universities are less than the national average for the 2000-2001 school year. Figures reported by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education indicate that tuition increases for the 2000-2001 school year are the lowest since the General Assembly froze fees back in 1976-77.

In a study released this week by the College Board, college tuition for the 2000-2001 school year is reported to have risen by 4.4% across public 4-year colleges and by 3.4% at 2-year public colleges.

Indiana's average tuition at 4-year and 2-year public colleges rose 4.0% and 0%, respectively, averaging 3.5% across all public campuses.

A significant reason for the modest increases in tuition at Indiana colleges is the state-funded tuition freeze at the Community College of Indiana and its partner institutions - Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University.

This is the second year in a row that the Commission has reported only slight increases in public higher education tuition.

"We are committed to continuing to hold the line on tuition costs," said Stan Jones, Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "We want the price of education in Indiana to be as competitive as its quality."

While the tuition rates at the main campuses of Indiana University and Purdue University are above the national average, they are still among the lowest of the Big Ten public campuses, where 1999-2000 tuition ranged from \$6,436 at Penn State University to \$2,998 at the University of Iowa. Indiana University's \$4,212 price tag for full-time undergraduates was sixth in the Big Ten, while Purdue's \$3,724 for non-engineering majors was ninth.

This year, tuition and fees for Purdue University students increased by 4%. Tuition and fees for engineers increased from \$4,124 to \$4,288, while tuition and fees for non-engineers increased from \$3,724 to \$3,872.

At Indiana University, tuition and fees for students in the University Division, which includes most freshmen and many sophomores, increased 3.5%, from \$4,262 to \$4,413. Business students saw their tuition and fees increase 3.3%, from \$4,612 to \$4,763, while all other majors saw an increase of 3.6%, from \$4,212 to \$4,363.

Tuition and fees increased by 5.3% at the University of Southern Indiana. This rise includes a 1% increase in fees to fund the construction and operation of a new wellness and fitness center available to all USI students.

Students at Indiana State University and Ball State University saw their tuition increase by 4% and 3.9%, respectively.

Based on a survey of more than 3,000 colleges and universities, the College Board data indicates that the modest rise in tuition, coupled with record amounts of available financial aid, keeps higher education well within the grasp of all Americans.

Other findings from the College Board report, *Trends in College Pricing*, include a 5.2% increase in tuition at 4-year private colleges (compared to 4.5% in Indiana), and room and board increases between 4.2% and 5.1%.

Citing returns on the investment in higher education, bachelor's degree recipients earn 81% more in their lifetime than those with only a high school diploma, creating a potential earnings gap of more than one million dollars between high school graduates and those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

A copy of *Indiana Public Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases Effective Fall 2000* is attached.

Indiana Public Higher Education Tuition/Fee Increases -- Effective Fall 2000

	Full-time Indiana Resident Undergraduate Tuition/Fees		
	1999-00	2000-01	
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<b>INDIANA UNIVERSITY</b>			
Bloomington			
University Division (most Freshmen)	\$4,262	3.5%	\$4,413
Business Majors	4,612	3.3%	4,763
Other Majors	4,212	3.6%	4,363
East (Richmond)	3,104	3.3%	3,206
Kokomo	3,104	3.5%	3,212
Northwest	3,128	3.5%	3,237
South Bend	3,197	3.2%	3,300
Southeast (New Albany)	3,092	5.1%	3,248
IUPUI	3,713	4.5%	3,881
<b>PURDUE UNIVERSITY</b>			
West Lafayette			
Engineering Majors	4,124	4.0%	4,288
Other Majors	3,724	4.0%	3,872
Calumet	3,201	4.0%	3,329
North Central (Westville)	3,210	4.0%	3,339
IUPU Ft. Wayne	3,534	4.2%	3,683
Indiana State University	3,426	4.0%	3,564
University of Southern Indiana	2,828	5.3%	2,978
Ball State University	3,686	3.9%	3,830
Vincennes University	2,540	0.0%	2,540
Community College of Indiana	1,986	0.0%	1,986
Ivy Tech State College	1,986	0.0%	1,986
<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>\$3,323</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>\$3,438</b>